

Daily Eagle

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IT LOOKS BLACK.

It is now being asserted that Captain Stigbee was not only expecting trouble in the harbor of Havana, but that he was using every precaution against possible surprise; that he was convinced that a trap of some sort had been prepared for any foreign vessel which might enter that harbor. But that is not all. It is also asserted that the navy department had been notified of the character of the danger which might be expected in the event of any United States man of war being ordered to those waters. Following these assurances the special and other correspondents on the ground declare that there is no doubt that the Maine was blown up from the outside, some of them going so far as to assert that the divers who have been hunting for the bodies of the drowned and slain found both magazines intact and uninjured. Of course if the magazines remain unexploded, then Spain will be compelled to explain. Accepting these accounts as true and there remains but one possible conclusion and that is that the Maine was blown up by a Spanish submarine mine, that the great battle ship was not torn to pieces by an accident to her own magazines, nor by a torpedo, but a mine planted by the government and exploded by authority.

The naval court of inquiry, appointed to officially investigate and report, left Key West Sunday and entered upon their work yesterday morning. In the mean time there is great activity in all the navy yards and sea fortifications from one end of the land to the other, as also at all the army posts and military stations and forts.

As for the theories of accident, the longer the matter is discussed the fewer are the officers and experts who believe that an accident was possible. It may be said that the navy is practically unanimous in the conclusion that it was no accident. The authorities and expert opinions have been gathered together and summarized. There is a practical unanimity in the conclusions that a donkey boiler of the Maine could not have exploded, as steam was only used to run the dynamo. Only one of the battery of boilers was used and that at such a low pressure that no explosion could have occurred. Those boilers never exploded, being so constructed that the steam part under a heavy pressure of steam, thus averting the danger of explosion.

There was no spontaneous explosion in the magazine. Each charge of ammunition was kept in a hermetically sealed canister and chemical changes could not affect. Changes of climatic temperature do not affect powder.

Torpedoes stored in the forward deck could not explode as they were kept packed in a perfectly safe condition until prepared for use. A fire sufficient to heat them to the firing point would have first charred the men sleeping over the torpedo magazine.

No lamps were used, lubricating oil is not explosive and matches that can only be ignited on the box were used, hence there could have been no oil explosion or carelessness in the use of matches.

Spontaneous combustion in the coal box would have generated so much odor that attention would have been directed immediately and the bunkers flooded.

The magazine was locked up, heat could not penetrate the solid steel plates, with hermetically sealed doors, without first burning the men aboard and no one was handling cartridges at the time. Even if a cartridge had been dropped, the primer cap is sunk below the level of the cartridge face and could not have exploded.

All the rapid-fire ammunition was securely stored in boxes and could not get afloat, especially in a dead calm, while the vessel was riding at anchor.

No electric wires run into the magazine exploded, the deck would have been blown into the air, hundreds of shells would have gone skyward and in bursting destroyed part of Havana and the vessel would have sunk at once.

The separation of the nitro-glycerine in the gun cotton was impossible under the conditions prevailing and this composition is so carefully made and thoroughly tested that there is no record of its spontaneous explosion during its long use in the navy.

A MEMORABLE WAR

Fifty years ago this world was astir with revolutions. The fiftieth anniversary of many stirring events will be celebrated this year in Europe, not all of them officially, however. France, the Netherlands and Italy especially have reason to remember 1848. The French republic was established for the second time in that year, but the present republic will not celebrate the occasion, not at least, officially by public festivities. It wasn't an ideal republic, any more than is the present one. Louis Napoleon's connection with the revolution was too conspicuous. He soon changed the republic into an empire under warrant of a plebiscite, or popular vote. The Netherlands will celebrate April 17th, the establishment of their present constitution. A little while after that Wilhelm, the young queen, will have attained her sixteenth year, and her coronation will come off with great splendor. Italy also will recall the promulgation of her new constitution by King Charles Albert. March 23d, 1848. The anniversary will be duly celebrated at Turin with great pomp on the established date. King Humbert will be there and will inaugurate the national legislature from Rome.

A POP KICK.

Senator Harris, whose party wants to get the government into the railroad business, has been endeavoring to defeat the sale of the Kansas Pacific road. But he failed and the road was sold last week. Now, of course, Mr. Harris and his party will become very indignant and probably accuse the president of bad faith. Had the president concluded to pay off the prior

liens the government would have had a \$33 million piece of road on its hands. As it is, it has \$14,000,000 cash. The Kansas Pacific is divided into two sections. The first section running west from Kansas City 332 miles was built with the aid of a government subsidy, the total amount of which was \$6,303,000. The government holds a second mortgage to secure this amount upon the 392 miles of road. The second section of the road runs from the 392 mile to Denver, a distance of 246 miles. Upon this portion the government has no lien whatever. It is called the Denver extension and was built by private capital. The liens upon the first section prior to the government mortgage amounts to \$7,515,255. The president had the option of taking the money out of the United States treasury and paying off the prior liens on the first section or letting the road go to sale if the price was to him satisfactory. On all the information which he has received he concluded that the interests of the government and the country required him to let the road be sold if the consideration was sufficient to pay the government claim of \$3,303,000. The president acted wisely.

ANOTHER PRESIDENT COMING

The United States, comparatively, has been visited by few representatives of royalty. The Prince of Wales, King "Calico," the Duke of Alaska, Li Hung Chang and a few others constitute the number covering more than a hundred years of history. Royalty has little use for America or its governmental principles. They don't harmonize with the convictions and experiences of the rustic ages of the past when men and women counted for nothing and the pop-in-jays of heredity the whole thing, including a warrant from the Almighty. A hundred or two more of years and a king, prince or any nobility outside of that conferred by brains, will be a rare specimen on this earth.

The last distinguished visitor to America was President Dole of Hawaii. The next one will be President Diaz of Mexico. Presidents of republics find the air of the United States very congenial. Advice from Mexico says that it is probable that he will start on his journey some time in May. It is his purpose to visit several of our leading cities. He wishes to observe the social and economic conditions of this country, and he wishes to cultivate closer relations between the two republics. Nothing has been given out concerning the route of President Diaz. It is expected that he will take different roads in coming and going, so as to cover as many places in the north and the south. One point he is almost certain to visit is Niagara Falls, and if he can he will visit Detroit, and probably will go to St. Paul, Pittsburgh people expect to entertain President Diaz. Leading citizens of that place have already taken steps to invite him. The chamber of commerce has begun to show an interest in the matter. It is believed at Pittsburgh that no time should be lost in sending invitations. President Diaz, in making up his program, will be limited by engagements and will make his selection of stopping points while in the United States to but a few of our cities. It is thought that those who first invite him will have the advantage of being in the president's mind when he makes up his program.

President Diaz's popularity with his own people was fully demonstrated by the enthusiastic receptions he received at every point on a recent tour of his own domain. The unfortunate incident of the hurried assassination of the man who tried to murder the president was also evidence of his popularity. Mexico has made more progress under Diaz's administration than for nearly a century prior to his first election as president. He has always been a student of the American form of government, and has had it carried out in his country as far as possible.

Personally he is a remarkable man. He has always been admired in this country as a wise, patriotic and progressive ruler. The honor and esteem in which he is held in this country far surpass that of any other foreign ruler. Not only Mexico appreciates the great debt of gratitude that republic owes Diaz.

The people of the United States, it is said, want no indemnity. They want war. Of course the youngsters are for war. He feels at arms who never drew a pension. If Kansas has another big wheat crop next summer, it will be another case of pride going before a fall.

As one never exploded, the only safe way to make war is with the good old rattly-rattly type-war.

Another man in the court room who expressed sympathy with Zola was just landed on the payment below.

It will be merely a "formal verdict of guilty" against Zola it is believed. What would an informal verdict of guilty be?

Give Weyler a little credit. He has received the temptation to lie by expressing a regret over the disaster to the Maine.

Upon the whole it is extremely difficult for the American people, during excitement, to keep on diplomatic relations with their shores.

How could we go to war with Spain? The only way would be to nab England's scheme and send one of them there punitive expeditions to Cuba.

It is ridiculous for Ledyard to pluck up and make faces at a big nation like Spain, when he hasn't enough spirit to establish four police commissions in Kansas.

The command in the Chinese army is "Prepare to look fierce. Look fierce. Charge on the enemy." In America it is: "Prepare to howl; howl; abuse the administration."

Even if we do not have war, the American people will soon be worked up to tip-toe hysteria over whether Mr. Watties Wink or Mr. Winkles Watt shall represent the Sixth ward in the city council.

While chivalry is a great thing, the soft warm blurt in a quiet home invests peace with a desirability never attained to harveyized hard tack in front of the cold, unfeeling stare of a cannon's mouth.

Maruska, a Modern Incident.

(Tale from Blackwood's Magazine. In Seven Parts.)

PART V.
Lady Molly and Geoff looked up quickly as the princess came into the room. Did a thought—a desire—of a possible residence for her in Jericho or Petersburg, as Lord Bulwerlythe had suggested, cross both their minds? "Mr. Dallas," she said, coming straight up to where Geoff stood, and speaking quickly in her distinct foreign tones—"Mr. Dallas, I did make a mistake in saying I would not dance with you. I am not engaged, and I will dance now, at once."

Had the princess suddenly thrown a parcel of dynamite at him, Geoff could hardly have felt more astounded or more uncomfortable. In all his previous vast experience he had never, while dancing or sitting out with one lady, been followed by another, soliciting the pleasure of that particular dance with him! He glanced at Maruska and then at Lady Molly. What had happened? The child he had last seen weeping, had she suddenly grown taller or not older? The little figure in the depths of the old oak seat was wrapped in a cloak, and the pretty red child's face had a most unchild-like curl of scorn on them. Maruska stood silent, her eyes fixed on Geoff's face, one of her hands played with some loose waves of her hair.

"I am very sorry, princess," said Geoff, "that I can't have the pleasure of this dance with you, but Lady Molly Hosketh has been good enough to give it to me, and we are just about to finish it."

He spoke very coolly, for he felt angry at Maruska's intrusion, but the coolness of his manner, and her strange request did not flatter him in the least. Indeed, he felt himself to be occupying a ridiculous position, and accordingly detested the woman who had put him in it.

"The next dance, then," rejoined Maruska, in her clear, steady tones.
"For that, too, I am engaged," said Geoff, brusquely, beginning to show the lion of his temper. "Come, Lady Molly, it's my turn now, let us have the dance remains of our dance."

Maruska moved closer to Geoff and laid her hand on his arm. "Stay," she said, "you asked me for a dance, and I will dance with you. If not this, the next; if not the next, the one after that."

How does the bird feel as the net of the fowler tightens around it? How does the worried fox feel as Governors, Gaynes, and the rest close about him in a yelling crowd? How does the cat feel as he reluctantly treads the Via Dolorosa which lands him in the spider's parlor? What does a gentleman do when a lady persists in asking him to dance with her? Like the bird, the fox, the cat, he submits to fate. Under these circumstances, which is undoubtedly a consolation.
"Molly," said Geoff, hurriedly and earnestly, and dropping the conventional prefix, "I want to finish what I had begun to say to you in the park, and I want to see you again alone, I wonder, with all this crowd of people about me. No chance this evening, for I know Mrs. Percippen is going to stop the music when the next two dances are over. Tomorrow we leave the house at ten, and the whole day will be wasted in that wretched shooting. Every moment I shall be thinking of you and what you are likely to say in answer to the question I am going to ask you—a question I almost dread to ask you, for on its answer all my life depends. This is what I shall do—directly we've got to the Hammonds, I shall leave the others, take a short cut by Rigdon House, and come to the gate lodge soon after four. Now, do you think, Molly, you could manage to be waiting on the drive about that time, without a crowd of other people hanging about? Don't trouble to reply if you think you can manage this, and remember the east lodge, not the big one by the river. And do you know, Molly, I am so afraid of your forgetting to take this particular little walk that I think I had better slip this key to me, and keep it in my waistcoat pocket. It's no use attempting to push it on one of my big fingers, but I will keep it very safe—till tomorrow."

"Your ideas of business would do credit to a Scotch lawyer," said Lady Molly, trying to look up unconcernedly at Geoff, and to keep down the little shake in her voice. "You get out of me a good diamond ring and only give a plain gold one in exchange. However, it is only for such a short time, I suppose I must submit gracefully."

Very coldly and reluctantly Geoff went up to the princess and claimed the dance she had thus won. He was, however, obliged to admit to himself grudgingly that she danced well, moving along in a gliding, dreamy way as if she were floating.

The dance over, he intended to take her to a seat and to leave her there at once. But the princess prevented this scheme of flight being carried out by sinking into a big chaise d'aux which stood in a recess, and begged Geoff to sit down beside her. He felt obliged to comply, and sat in a silky silence, his eyes fixed on her room to see where Lady Molly was.

"Tomorrow afternoon I wish to go to the wood above the house, along by the stream. Will you come with me, Mr. Dallas? I will go about four o'clock."

A sense of angry disgust rose strong in Geoff's heart.
"I can't go," he said; "I shall be shooting all day, and when I have finished that, I shall be on the other side of the park at half past eight."

Maruska moved nearer to him, and gave a little cold laugh.
"I know," she said, "you mean to meet Lady Molly there. I heard you arrange that with her. And she will come, won't she? You must declare war on her. May I, they would be meeting in convention, if war should come, and resolving that the war was a failure."

Bill Stanley of Wichita will be nominated for governor and the other candidates will be nominated for congress, and the campaign before the convention, which will simply tire people and engender violence and unnecessary animosity.

Probably the greatest lie ever told by mortal man appears in a New York paper. A man's leg broke out of the pen and ran off. The man began the pursuit and came home at night tired out and unharmed. He went out to the pen and found that the pig had returned voluntarily.

The American people have not changed much. When Abraham Lincoln was free the two main parties from the Confederacy and the Union, the American people stood and waited to fight England and Lincoln, too. In a very few months they had their hands full and acknowledged that Lincoln knew what he was about.

Probably the most tremendous shock ever received by a mortal took place in Emporia two or three minutes before the Lang wreck. There are no stations between Lang and Emporia. The Emporia telegrapher telegraphed the operator at Lang in effect: "The fast mail has just left here." The answer came back from Lang: "The express has left here." The Emporia telegrapher then said to the key, his hand stopped and he settled into his chair, a nervous, inert wreck. No one of the engineers who saw the express flash, none of the baggage men or mail men who saw the train, saw what happened. It was the Emporia telegrapher who suffered what this man did who caught three minutes glimpse into an awful future.

Not a Thing of Beauty.
It is the opinion of the Boston Advertiser that "the 'strepitose' had inspired loathing among all true worshippers of the good and beautiful."

Low Wallace's Duel.

Lebanon, Ind., Feb. 21.—General Low Wallace has been challenged to fight a duel with George F. Oaks of Indianapolis.

The challenge was made by Mr. Oaks, who demands blood is a reflection on General Wallace made by General Wallace in an address he delivered on Lincoln's birthday before the Lincoln Republican club of this city. The remarks at which Mr. Oaks took offense were as follows:

"I will tell you now of an incident which I have never before made public. I would not relate it now if the man were not dead whom it reflects. On one occasion I had made an arrangement with Mr. Lincoln to call at the White House and present two ladies who were anxious to meet him. At the appointed time I arrived in company with the ladies, and as I was ushered in I noticed the tall form of Lincoln at the farther end of the room, leaning against a window. He waved his hand, indicating that I was to take the ladies to a sofa, and then by another wave of the hand he indicated that I should sit down. My heart was at once filled with sympathy, for I saw at once that something was wrong. As I approached him and looked into his face it seemed to me it was the saddest and most troubled countenance I ever beheld. There were deep lines of suffering about the face, the features were drawn and pinched and his hair which had then grown thin, was disheveled. He was naturally somewhat stooped-shouldered, but looked particularly so on this occasion. As I drew nearer and caught his eye, I was still more deeply impressed with the sadness which seemed to permeate his whole being. If I were to live a thousand years I would not forget the anguished expression of his face."

"Mr. Lincoln," I said, "I hope you are not sick."

"No," he replied, "I am not sick."

"You looked sick," you looked sick. Something terrible must have happened."

"He made no reply, but, calling a servant, he inquired how long it would be before the boat left the city for Harrison's Landing. The answer was, in half an hour. Then looking at me, the sadness of his face deepened as he said:

"I must go to that boat to Harrison's Landing, on the James river."

"What for, Mr. Lincoln?" I asked, in surprise.

"I must go there," he said, dropping his voice to a whisper, "to keep McClellan from surrendering the army."

"It was after the seven days' battle, and the leader of the great Union army was retreating before the chosen foe. At this point I introduced the ladies and then retired. In thirty minutes, Lincoln was on board that boat speeding away on this mission, and when I next heard of him he was at Harrison's Landing, and the Union army was not surrendered."

George F. Oaks, who has taken it upon himself to resent this reflection on General McClellan, served in Company K of the First Michigan Infantry, under McClellan. He is a very capable man, and is absolutely false, and then General Wallace's challenge. He said the honor of the army had been assailed, and that as General McClellan was dead, the offense could only be atoned for by the shedding of blood. As to whether he says anything from brooms to bow-knives will suit him.

Women as Vestry Men.
All the officers of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Old Mass, are women except the rector. Women are now elected as vestrymen in some Episcopal churches; but this is supposed to be the only instance in which all the vestrymen are women.

It Pays to Advertise.
A woman who attended a late bargain sale says the crush was so great that the sale was worn of a dime she carried in her purse.—Atchison Globe.

Along the Kansas Nile.
In case of war with Spain, Leedy would have the appointment of all the consuls. Mr. Cady, editor of the Augusta Journal, says that the consuls are on the Nile, and the Nile is on the Nile.

Fred Funston is one Kansan who is not clamoring that President McKinley plunge the nation head-long into war.

When the nation hears that Mrs. Lease intends to go to the front as a nurse, as reported, there will be less howl for war.

The Kansas poets haven't had anything to say about the war, and the poets are afraid the public might ask "Which moon?"

It is believed at El Dorado that the natural gas belt of Kansas extends to that town. If it is demonstrated, Wichita will pipe it over.

Mr. Dingley's English hat," according to the New York Evening Post, cost him the presidency. This is the hat Jerry Simpson exposed.

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Outlines of Oklahoma,

The family of Buffalo Jones of Perry have heard from him. He is all right.

Work of actual construction on the Sapulpa began at the east end yesterday. It is said that settlers are swarming in to Greer county to take up the vacant lands.

Chandler received the first news of the Maine disaster over the telephone and didn't believe it.

A catch of two hundred pounds of catfish was made in the Arkansas near Pawnee, the other day.

The Catholic school at Okarche is building a cove, as it believes in preparing for twists in times of calm.

The editor of the Cushing Herald had reason to be not about St. Valentine's day. He received six comic ones.

Judge McAtee's term as judge expired last week and he is now holding on by the grace of war excitement.

So many stamps have been bought at Anapahoe and sent to seed houses in the east that the local postoffice is short.

Colonel Baldwin of the Commanches, could secure a million volunteers in ten days.

S. P. Wisnow, the Guthrie man who has fasted eighteen days, has some idea of how Jake Roberts has felt waiting for that judgeship.

Colonel Blackwell is not crasy, as charged. Colonel Blackwell makes too much money for a man with a mind that has misused.

Major Rosenbaum feels secure although it is positively known that the Viscays came to this country for the express purpose of stealing him.

Most of the cattle raised in Carter county are shipped from Woodward. That is why the Rock Island contemplates building into that county.

Under the Marine laws of Oklahoma every foreign boat which steams into Guthrie must be saluted with twelve shots from a gun not less than ten inches in diameter.

The anti-Flynn papers in Oklahoma are trying to arrange it so they may say if free homes passes that Flynn deserves no credit, and if it is beaten that he deserves all the blame.

Mr. McGee, the father of one of the burned Indians, has submitted to the Earleboro Plain People, run by Mr. Davis, who is under arrest charged with being one of the Indian-burners.

Sad item from the Pawnee Dispatch: "While thousands of settlers in Oklahoma are living on sorghum, sow-bean and corn, George Gould is having the railroads to the starway in his mansion gold-plated."

Earleboro Plain People: "Billie Tulsey was in town Wednesday on business at the bank and while here conversed fully on the Indian situation. He says that, with few exceptions, the Seminoles feel as friendly as ever towards the people of Earleboro. Billy is doing all in his power to establish the friendly relations that have existed between his people and our citizens."

Jefferson Rustler: A certain married day night and didn't get home until four o'clock in the morning. Tuesday night was the free opening of the Mistletoe saloon. The married man went to bed early, thinking he would take a short nap and then take in the free opening, but lo, while he was wrapped in the arms of Morpheus and dreaming about the good time he would soon be having, his wife procured a rope and tied him in bed and kept him there until six o'clock next morning. Jefferson women are noted for their pluck.

Knit Wave: Every Sunday morning the people of the east hill have a picnic in watching Senator Havens exercise his bull calf. The senator has a rope 100 feet long, one end of which is attached to the calf's neck and the other end he holds in his hands. As soon as the senator and the calf arrive at a spot big enough for them to operate the performance begins. The calf commences to circle to the right just as the senator commences to circle to the left. The calf commences to circle to the right just as the senator commences to circle to the left. The calf commences to circle to the right just as the senator commences to circle to the left.

Southern Kansas Business Men.
J. R. Swartzell of Caldwell is going to quit the grocery business.

The buyer for the W. H. Jett Mercantile company of Kingman is in the east.

It is better to talk about "careful and close prices" than "slaughtered prices."

Do not "boldly assert" unless it is taking courage to say what you are printing.

W. J. Branden of Kingman has bought out Milo Mitchell's interest in a local grocery.

An advertiser speaks of "originalities of fashion" and "individualities of creations."

J. W. Cookson of Kingman announces an advertisement as "No spring joke, but a fact."

Charles A. Magill of Kingman is trying the life-size portrait gift plan on his customers.

Boyer Brothers, livemen at Garden City, advertise: "Trotters and pacers devalued."

John Rigley, a meat market man at Garden City, describes his store briefly as "Tested and tried."

The man who does not always have the bargains he advertises might better quit his business.

Conger & Kennedy, grocers of Garden City, have joined the number who are selling W. C. T. U. soap.

A Chicago merchant, with the usual Chicago blow, says: "An event beyond the possibility of any real rivalry."

J. D. Lathrop of Garden City uses this for a headline: "Stop this way, please. I want to show you something nice."

That spring is coming is shown by the fact that a Wellington florist, Mr. Hiram Myers, is out in a display advertisement.

Ferguson Brothers of Kingman say philosophically: "We are all going to see signs of returning spring, if there is not too much snow in the south."

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The Lace Curtain Specials

proved a wonderful drawing attraction yesterday. And no wonder, when one sees the extraordinary offer in a Nottingham 3-2 yards long, 60 inches wide, at \$1.47 a pair; Irish Point, 3-2 yards long, excellent quality, new patterns—regular price \$6.50—this week only \$4.65. It will pay you to see the Fish Net Curtain we offer at \$3.50, besides seeing our Spring stock—the largest ever shown in Wichita.

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A Philadelphia lady relates an experience of her own, saying that after suffering untold agony, her husband, who had heard Ripans Tablets very highly commended for persons suffering from lack of appetite or any complicated stomach trouble, strongly urged her to try them. Her stomach had seemed cold and she had had little appetite for many weeks. She determined to try the Tablets and to follow all the directions, but had little faith that there was any cure for the serious complications that appeared to have taken possession of her. It seemed to her hardly possible that a 50-cent package of Ripans Tablets would cure when a large doctor's bill of \$80 had failed to confer any benefit. "But," she added, joyfully, "they did! and my appetite improved almost immediately and now I can truly say that my general health was never better."

A new style cap with a wide brim and a high crown is now for sale at a low price. The cap is made of a fine material and is very stylish. It is a good cap for the winter and is a good cap